

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Thomas E. Pank

Serial No. 10/040,611

Filed: January 9, 2002

For: FILTERING SYSTEM FOR
RUNOFF WATER

Examiner: Upton

Art Unit: 1724

EXTENSION OF TIME
AND PAYMENT OF FEES

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as filed*

Honorable Commissioner
for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant requests a one or two month extension of time, if necessary. Applicant's attorney submits that no extension of time is necessary since Rev. 3 of the "Flyer for Mailing With all Office Actions by all TC's" entitled "REVISED AMENDMENT PRACTICE" appears to give a "set period" to respond after Applicant sends a boni fide attempt to comply with the new rules. Applicant's first attempt to comply with the new rules was timely and hence no extension was necessary. Applicant's second attempt to meet the Examiner's requirements was promptly made after the Examiner acted on the first attempt and this third attempt is being made promptly after the Examiner's telephone call rejecting

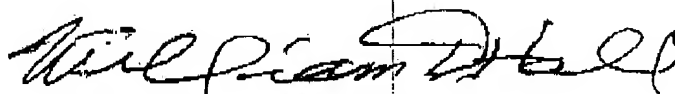
the second attempt and also was prior to a formal requirement.

If however, an extension is necessary, please charge account 50-0555.

Further, a fee of \$129.00 or more is due for the larger number of independent claims. Applicant has paid this fee twice before but if it is nevertheless still due, please charge account 50-0555.

If at any time a fee is due or if there has been an overpayment, please charge or credit account 50-0555.

Respectfully submitted,



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